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**Serial No. 10/623,132**

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Sir:

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Serial No. 10/623,132

Having thus complied with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97(b)(3), it is respectfully submitted that consideration of the instant Information Disclosure Statement is in order and the same is courteously requested.

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